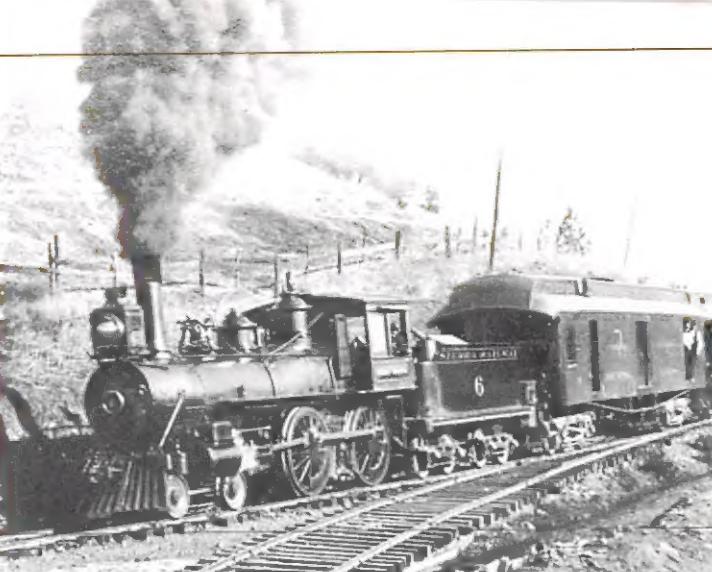


The photographs in this folder, taken at various periods in the life of the Sierra Railroad, are from the collections of Al Rose and James Baker.

The Sierra Railroad Rail Town 1897



Three Classic Steam Engines. If there's a star attraction at Rail Town 1897, it's the locomotives. No. 3, one of the line's original iron horses, is a 4-6-0 Rogers built in 1891. Used extensively in movie work, it runs as well today as when it first chugged into Jamestown in 1897. Number 28, a 2-8-0 Baldwin built in 1922 is used today for excursion runs and as a substitute movie engine. Number 34 is a 2-8-2 Baldwin built in 1925.

Some of America's Most Unusual Rail Cars. The Sierra's famous short Number 5 combination and Number 6 passenger coach, built expressly for use on the tortuous Angels Branch, are favorites of rail fans and model collectors alike. These tiny cars are still used for movie work. Cabooses, crane cars and many other rail classics are also open for your inspection. The collection includes hand cars and a classic converted automobile inspection car.

Roundhouse and Shop Tours. Everything to keep a railroad running, and then some. You'll marvel at the king-size tools and parts that enabled the Sierra's master mechanics to completely rebuild giant locomotives. See the machinery run. Tour the blacksmith shop. See how track was laid. Visiting the Sierra shops is like exploring a colossal Grandmother's attic, with fascinating discoveries around every corner.

The Depot and Museum. The Sierra's Jamestown Station is a perfect example of a well-equipped 1897 depot. It contains the original furniture and office equipment, timetables and tickets to towns and places now forgotten, stamps and punches. Original corporate papers and documents present a fascinating glimpse of business in the last days of western expansion. The self-guided museum contains numerous rare photographs of the Sierra's days of glory.

Location of 50 Movies. From the earliest days of movie making to the present, the Sierra's old-time trains and real western right-of-way have been featured in horse operas. Among the line's credits are such classics as "High Noon", "Go West", "Dodge City", "My Little Chickadee", "Duel In the Sun", and TV's "Petticoat Junction". Generations of movie stars have shot it out on the Sierra. A special section of the museum is devoted to the Sierra's movie career. Film work is still important business to the railroad.

Gay 90's Picnic Park. Enjoy your lunch on the grass under the giant oaks above the roundhouse. Snacks and refreshments are available.

Take a Break From the Twentieth Century

In the southern part of California's gold rush country lies a pocket of pure Gay 90's America, the fabled Sierra Railroad. Built in 1897 to connect the tall pine and deep mine country of the Mother Lode with the freight centers of the San Joaquin Valley to the west, the Sierra Railroad exists today almost exactly as it did then.

Now open to the public as Rail Town 1897, the Sierra's classic depot, offices, roundhouse, shops, yards and trains at Jamestown, California provide a rare opportunity to revisit the carefree red, white and blue America of yesterday — just as it was.

Step through the door of the old depot and you're in another century. Furniture, documents, office equipment, tickets — everything needed to "run a railroad" is there just as it was in 1897. Upstairs in the museum is a collection of historic photographs and memorabilia, including still shots and posters of the more than 50 movies, television shows and commercials filmed on the Sierra's Iron Horses.

Outside you'll be taken on a guided tour of the roundhouse, shops, yards and the Sierra's legendary locomotives and coaches. You'll experience a great sense of discovery as you see the implements and machinery of yesterday left as though the workmen were coming back momentarily.

Realism at Rail Town 1897 is heightened because the Sierra is still an operating standard gauge railroad serving the needs of Tuolumne County. Every afternoon the Sierra's current diesel engines pull trains up the mainline past Rail Town on their way to the present end of the line at the Pickering Lumber Company in Standard.

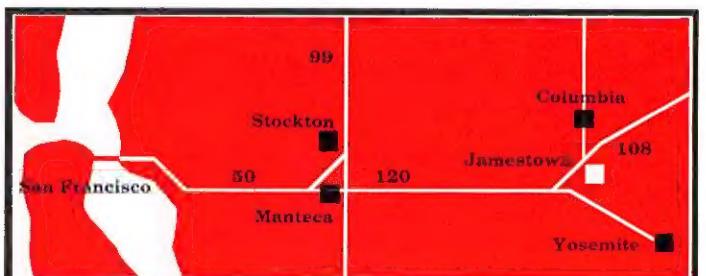
The Sierra Railroad's Rail Town 1897 provides a unique, authentic and enjoyable glimpse of that marvelous era when America steamed innocently and happily into the Twentieth Century.

Open weekends and holidays beginning May 15, 1971. Daily, June 26 thru September 6. Closed Mondays. Hours 10 am to 4 pm.

Adults \$1.00 — 18 & under 50¢ — 8 & under free. Families \$2.50 — Groups of 25 or more, 75¢ each.

Steam Charter Trips

For the first time since 1963, the Sierra Railroad's steam equipment is available for charter trips. Rail enthusiasts can again thrill to the sound of steam as they wind their way through the hills and pines. Tickets can be obtained in advance from the sponsoring group, or on day of departure if space is available. For information regarding charters or this year's excursion trips, consult your travel agent or write: Excursion Director, Sierra Railroad, Sonora, Calif.



The Way to 1897. Rail Town is located three blocks off Highway 108 (the route to Pinecrest, Twain Harte and Dodge Ridge) on Fifth Avenue in historic Jamestown, California. A natural stopover on any trip to Yosemite via Highway 120, as well as any tour of Columbia State Park, Rail Town 1897 is less than three hours' driving time from the San Francisco Bay Area.

For further information write:
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Jamestown, California